

CITY OF LAGO, VISTA, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 23-09-28-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, CREATING THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND OPEN MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, LCRA rules require a municipality/wholesale water supplier with meter connections equal to or greater than 3400 to have a water conservation plans (WCP);

WHEREAS, the City of Lago Vista has determined that it has over 3400 meter connections and therefore must create and approve its own WCPs for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to provide an opportunity for public input for the WCP by holding a public hearing which has been noticed to such public for a period of not less than seventy-two hours prior to the public meeting at which it will be held.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact.

Section 2. Adoption of Water Conservation Plan. The City Council hereby adopts a Municipal Water Conservation Plan for the City of Lago Vista, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated in this ordinance as though fully transcribed herein for all purposes.

Section 3. Amendment of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance as adopted and amended herein, are hereby amended to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the City, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected. It is the intent of the city council in adopting this Ordinance, that no provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative, or fail by reason of the unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other section, subsection, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City Charter.

Section 6. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

CITY OF LAGO VISTA

Ed Tidwell
Ed Tidwell, Mayor



ATTEST:

Lucy Aldrich
Lucy Aldrich, City Secretary

On a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Prince, seconded by Councilor Marion, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved.

Exhibit A

Water Conservation Plan

For



The City of Lago Vista

Municipal Purchased Water Customers

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Definitions:

AF: an Acre-Foot is a unit of volume equal to the volume of a sheet of water one acre (0.405 hectare) in area and one foot (30.48 cm) in depth; 43,560 cubic feet (1233.5 cu m).

AMI: Automatic Meter Infrastructure is a fixed based radio frequency and/or cellular network which collects real-time water consumption data from a central location for billing and the customer portal.

Automatic Irrigation: the operation of an irrigation system with no or minimum of manual intervention besides surveillance. This includes drip, sprinkler, and surface irrigation systems that utilize timers, sensors, computers, or mechanical devices.

CoLV: the City of Lago Vista is a city located in Northwest Travis County, Texas, United States.

Commercial Use: The use of water by a place of business, such as a hotel, restaurant, or office building. This does not include multi-family residences or agricultural, industrial or institutional users.

Connections: a water meter used to provide service to an end user.

Conservation: those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of purchased water, reduce the loss of purchased water, improve the efficiency in the use of purchased water, or increase the recycling and reuse of purchased water so that the water supply is conserved and made available for future or alternative uses.

Customer: any CoLV resident, person, company, or organization using purchased water supplied by the CoLV.

DCP: a Drought Contingency Plan is a strategy or combination of strategies for monitoring the progression of a drought and preparing a response to potential water supply shortages resulting from severe droughts or other water supply emergencies.

Drip Irrigation: is a form of irrigation that saves water and fertilizer by allowing water to drip slowly to the roots of many different plants onto the soil surface thru a network of valves, tubes, pipes, and emitters.

End User: any CoLV resident, person, company, or organization using purchased water supplied by the CoLV.

EST: an Elevated Storage Tank is a container raised above ground elevation that holds potable water for long or short term storage. An EST may also be a GST that serves end users at least 100' below the elevation of the floor of the GST.

Finished Water Meter: a meter used to measure the flow of water from a water treatment plant after it has been treated.

GPCD: Gallons Per Capita per Day.

GST: a Ground Storage Tank is ground level container that holds potable water for long or short term storage.

Institutional Use: The use of water by an establishment dedicated to public service, such as a school, university, church, hospital, nursing home, prison or government facility. All facilities dedicated to public service are considered institutional regardless of ownership.

LCRA: the Lower Colorado River Authority is a nonprofit public utility created in November 1934 by the Texas Legislature. LCRA's mission is to enhance the lives of the Texans it serves through water stewardship, energy and community service.

MGD: Million Gallons per Day.

Pressure Plane: an isolated portion of the water distribution system supplied by a particular EST or GST.

Process Water Meter: a meter used to measure the potable water used in plant operations at water and wastewater treatment plants.

Purchased Water: Total amount of water pumped into the water distribution system from CoLV's water treatment facilities.

Raw Water Meter: a meter used to measure the raw water purchased from LCRA used in plant operations at water and wastewater treatment plants.

Residential Use: The use of water that is billed to single and multi-family residences, which applies to indoor and outdoor water uses.

Reuse Water: reclaimed water such as graywater, effluent from a wastewater treatment plant, or flushing water from a water distribution system.

RGPCD: Residential Gallons Per Capita per Day. The total gallons sold for residential use by a public water supplier divided by the residential population served, and then divided by the number of days in the year.

TAWWA: Texas American Water Works is a group that unites all Water Professionals in Texas to protect public health and all water resources by advancing technology, education, science, management and government policies by leveraging the collective leadership of the over 50,000 members of the American Water Works Association.

TCEQ: the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality is the environmental agency for the state of Texas and the fourth largest environmental agency in the United States. TCEQ strives to protect Texas' public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development.

Total GPCD: The total amount of water pumped for potable use from the water treatment plant divided by the total permanent population, and then divided by the days of the year.

TTHM: Total Trihalomethanes are a cancer causing byproduct produced when chlorine is used to disinfect potable water containing organics.

TWDB: the Texas Water Development Board is the state agency in charge water conservation and long range water planning for Texas.

WCP: Water Conservation Plan is the CoLV plan that was developed to meet the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) water conservation rules in accordance with the LCRA Firm Water contract administrative rules.

Water Customer: any CoLV resident, person, company, or organization using purchased water supplied by the CoLV.

WCAC: the Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council provides a professional forum for the continuing development of water conservation resources, expertise, and progress evaluation of the highest quality for the benefit of Texas. The WCAC also selects the Blue Legacy award recipients annually.

WWTP: a Wastewater Treatment Plant is a facility that converts wastewater, which is water no longer needed or suitable for its most recent use, into an effluent that can be either returned to the water cycle with minimal environmental issues or reused.

Water Service Area: the area served by the CoLV's water plants.

WTP1: Water Treatment Plant #1 is located at 21011 Seminole Drive, Lago Vista Texas 78645, was built in 1984, and consists two 1.0 MGD Enviroquip upflow clarifiers. WTP1 was last upgraded in 2017.

WTP2: Water Treatment Plant #2 is located at 21011 1/2 Dawn Drive, Lago Vista Texas 78645, was built in 1970, and consists two 0.5 MGD Roberts Package Plants. WTP2 was decommissioned in April 2017.

WTP3: Water Treatment Plant #3 is located at 6444 Marshall's Point Cove, Lago Vista Texas 78645, was built in 2015, and consists a 2.0 MGD Trident Package Plant. WTP3 can be expanded to 8.0 MGD and has the deepest water intake on Lake Travis.

Wholesale Purchased Water Customer: an entity that purchases bulk water for construction purposes or resale to agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, or governmental end users.

Section 1: Introduction

The City of Lago Vista (CoLV) Municipal (Purchased) Water Conservation Plan (WCP) has been developed to meet the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) water conservation rules in accordance with the LCRA Firm Water contract administrative rules. This Municipal WCP recognizes that conservation of purchased water is a valuable tool in managing water utility systems. Benefits of purchased water conservation include: extending available water supplies; reducing the risk of shortage during periods of extreme drought; reducing water utility operating cost; improving the reliability and quality of water utility service; reducing customer cost for water service; and enhancing water quality and the environment.

All LCRA firm water users are required to develop and formally adopt WCPs for their own systems in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Sections 288, Subchapter A, Water Conservation Plans, and Subchapter C, Required Submittals. Furthermore, being located within the regional water planning area of Region K, a copy of the WCP has been provided to the Region K Water Planning Group.

This Municipal WCP applies to all of CoLV's retail water customers located within its water service area, as defined in its Water Supply Contract with LCRA. Because the CoLV has a zero discharge permit for its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), the CoLV Municipal WCP does not apply to reuse water purchased by any CoLV water customer.

Section 2: Utility Profile Information

As of December 2022, there were approximately 5,500 connections in the CoLV's water service area. Based on the assumed average of 2.6 persons per household in this service area based on 2020 census data, and the total number of service addresses equal to 5,400, the December 2022 estimated population is 13,500. The projected population at full build out is estimated to be approximately 40,000 persons, or 10,500 additional connections. The population is expected to grow at an average rate of 5.0% per year until full build out around 2044.

Table 1 in Appendix A provides information on monthly purchased water use data for the past five years. The 5 year average monthly purchased water use was 124.06 AF. The five year average purchased water loss has been between 5% – 10%. The five year peak for monthly purchased water use was 205.35 AF. These numbers were calculated by using the total volume of treated water produced at both Water Treatment Facilities.

Table 2 in Appendix A shows an average water use for the past five years as 81.5 gallons per person per day (RGPCD) and 112.5 purchased water gallons per capita per day (GPCD).

Section 3: Water Conservation Goals

Water conservation five and ten year goals are required for overall water use, residential water use and water loss. The goals proposed by the CoLV are as follows:

	5-year goals	10-year goals
Gallons per connection per day (GPCD)	105	100
Residential gallons per person per day (RGPCD)	78	75
Water loss	10%	8.0%

Section 4: Water Conservation Strategies

4.1 Water Loss

4.1.1 Universal Metering, Meter Replacement, and Meter Repair

The CoLV requires that the following end users be metered:

- All municipal utility purchased water customers must be metered.
- All municipal irrigation purchased water customers must be metered.
- All wholesale purchased water customers must be metered.
- All construction projects both private and public using purchased water must be metered.
- All purchased water bulk water sales from a fire hydrant must be metered.
- All CoLV buildings and facilities using purchased water must be metered.
- All irrigation for CoLV medians and parks using purchased water must be metered.
- All CoLV water treatment plants must have the following water meters:
 - raw water meters
 - process water meters
 - finished water meters.
- All CoLV booster pump stations must be metered.
- All CoLV water distribution flushing must be metered.
- All CoLV wastewater treatment plants using purchased water must be metered.
- All CoLV lift stations using purchased water must be metered.

The CoLV requires all water meters to be accurate within plus or minus 5 percent of the indicated flow over the possible flow range.

A regularly scheduled maintenance program of meter repair, replacement and calibration will be performed in accordance with recommended meter manufacturer guidelines following the minimum schedule by meter size:

- Finished water meters: test once a year.
- Master water meters: test once a year.
- Water meters larger than 1": test per manufacturer's recommendations.

- Water meters 1” or smaller: test per manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Automatic Meter Infrastructure (AMI) registers and meter bodies will be replaced system wide every 10 – 15 years.

Zero consumption accounts will be checked monthly to see if water is actually being used and not recorded. In addition, the meters will be checked for proper sizing for all new installations and during reconnections. The CoLV successfully completed the conversion from an AMR to an AMI metering system. This project was completed in January of 2022. .

4.1.2 Distribution System Leak Detection and Repair

In order to meet the CoLV’s purchased water loss goal and in accordance with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) rules, the CoLV will:

- Attempt to repair all purchased water leaks immediately upon discovery.
- conduct purchased water distribution leak detection audits as needed.
- monitor current purchased water loss through monthly water production and usage reports.
- conduct and submit yearly purchased water loss audits to the TWDB.

New measures and strategies to proactively reduce purchased water loss will be considered as feasible, including measures to reduce water lost within the water treatment process, line flushing and identifying/repairing waterline leaks quickly.

4.1.3 Additional Water Loss Best Management Practices

The CoLV currently utilizes the following water loss best management practices:

- AMI Fixed Based water metering system and software provides utility billing, and the utility department with almost real time consumption data. It will automatically notify utility billing of customers that have high consumption so staff can contact them. It can detect leaks in the City system which are nearby a specific meter. Also, this system’s software has a customer portal which allows customers to monitor their daily water consumption. As of September 2023, only 11% of our customers have registered to use this portal.
- The CoLV has abandoned the use of the leaky legacy PVC and ductile iron piping systems, becoming the second City in the US to adopt the sole use of the leak free fused HDPE pipe for all future distribution piping that will be installed in its water, wastewater, and reuse water distribution systems. Currently, approximately 42% of the water distribution system, 73% of the wastewater force main system, and 41% of the reuse water transmission lines are leak free fused HDPE pipe.
- CoLV strategies to minimize distribution flushing water losses that include the following:
 - Looping dead end waterlines within a pressure plane.
 - Looping dead end waterlines between pressure planes.
 - Developing an innovative tank mixing process for ground storage tanks that eliminated the need to flush the Ground Storage Tank (GST) because of high Trihalomethanes levels.

- Chlorine injection stations have been placed strategically throughout the water distribution system in order to avoid the need for excessive flushing in order to keep chlorine residuals in compliance with Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations.
- A proactive leak detection program is being used to decrease water loss in the water distribution system.
- At Water Treatment Plant #1 (WTP1), backwash water and sludge blanket draw down water is sent to the WWTP where it is processed into reuse water.
- At Water Treatment Plant #3 (WTP3), backwash water is decanted and mixed with the raw water inflow to the water plant.
- Reuse water from the WWTP is used to irrigate the Lago Vista Golf Course (LVGC) and Highland Lakes Golf Course (HLGC). The Grille at Highland Lakes uses reuse water to irrigate its 2 acres of grass surrounding the restaurant.
- At this time, CoLV is unable to irrigate local ball fields with reuse water. The City's current WWTP process only provides Type 2 treatment. As per TCEQ, Type 2 effluent is not allowed to be used to irrigate ball fields. The City is still exploring options to achieve Type 1 treatment at the WWTP, but costs are the deciding factor.

The CoLV is considering a multi-year City-wide Water Distribution Pipe Replacement Strategy to upgrade to HDPE pipe as our future “standard pipe type” as displayed in Appendix C. Implementation details have not been developed as of this plan approval. By migrating to one standard HDPE pipe type that has 100 year life, CoLV expects savings in the following areas:

- Water loss per mile of distribution system pipe will be reduced as the legacy Galvanized, Ductile iron, PVC class pipe, PVC C900 pipe and AC pipe are replaced with leak free HDPE pipe.
- The elimination of the 5 legacy piping systems will result
 - in a standardized piping system that is easier and faster to fix with less water losses.
 - the elimination of a large legacy pipe repair parts inventory and tooling that can be difficult to work with during emergency repairs.
 - the elimination of future training hours for repairing legacy piping systems.

PVC class pipe will be scheduled for replacement first followed by galvanized pipe and ductile iron pipe types. The CoLV will be monitoring each legacy piping system to identify when that particular legacy piping system start failing at a rate of one leak per mile per year, necessitating replacement per AWWA standards.

4.2 Water Rates and Records Management

4.2.1 Increasing Purchased Water Block Rates

The CoLV uses a base rate structure that promotes purchased water conservation with an increasing multi-tiered rate structure for residential, commercial, and irrigation purchased water end users. The CoLV reevaluates its rate structure periodically in order to promote purchased water conservation to the maximum extent possible. Future CoLV updated rates structures shall be submitted to LCRA within 30 days of adoption. The current rate structure can be found in Appendix B and is located on the CoLV utility web site.

4.2.2 Purchased Water Consumption Monitoring and Billing Records Management

The CoLV's utility billing staff maintains monthly records of purchased water sales, consumption reports, and utility bills on a central server that can be used to compile, present, and view purchased water-use and billing information.

The billing system is capable of separating water-use per customer type into the following categories: residential, irrigation, and commercial. Any new billing system purchased by the CoLV will be capable of reporting detailed water use data by single-family residential, multi-family residential, irrigation, commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural and wholesale.

4.3 Water Reuse

The CoLV operates a 1.0 Million Gallon per Day (MGD) WWTP. Reuse water from the WWTP is used to supplement the irrigation supply needs of the following properties:

- 85 irrigated acres of the Highland Lakes Golf Course
- 113 irrigated acres of the Lago Vista Golf Course
- 2 irrigated acres of the Grille at Highland Lakes
- 67 irrigated acres of bird habitat at the Cedar Breaks Effluent Disposal Site

The treated wastewater effluent currently produces an average 0.71 MGD per day and 100% of that effluent is utilized for the beneficial irrigation uses listed above.

4.3.1 Additional Water Reuse Best Management Practices

The CoLV is exploring the option of irrigating local ball fields with reuse water instead of purchased water as the municipal supply of reuse water increases and becomes available. This can only be done if the WWTP is upgraded to achieve Type 1 treatment. Its current process only provides Type 2 effluent, which is not allowed for irrigation of local ball fields.

4.4 Education and Outreach

4.4.1 Required measures

Throughout the year, purchased water conservation literature will be made available to end users regarding purchased water conservation, native landscaping, and other related topics to garden clubs, homeowner associations, and various others interested groups. CoLV staff may attend such events or request a presentation from LCRA staff to promote purchased water conservation. Also, City staff will be aggressively promoting the new customer portal to all of its customers through social media campaigns, website postings and newsletters. We will work with the AMI software company to tailor the system to City specific needs.

4.4.2 Additional Best Management Practices

- Financial rebates: Customers will be offered irrigation technology and other rebates from the LCRA. CoLV will assist LCRA with promoting water conservation programs to its customers.
- Hotels currently being proposed will be strongly encouraged to adopt a hotel linen reuse option policy where linens are only changed out upon request during multi-night short stays.

4.5 Other Best Management

- Permanent landscape watering schedule for spray irrigation. This schedule limits outdoor spray irrigation for landscapes to no more than twice a week on the following days and times:
 - Residential addresses ending in odd numbers: Wednesdays and Saturdays
 - Residential addresses ending with even numbers: Thursdays and Sundays
 - Commercial customers: Tuesdays and Fridays
 - Watering times: Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight
- Temporary landscape watering schedule variance for new landscapes. New landscapes can be watered according to the following schedule for the first 30 days after installation.
 - Days 1 through 20: spray irrigation allowed every day.
 - New variance application is required to continue temporary irrigation.
 - Days 21 through 30: spray irrigation allowed every other day.
 - No further variances allowed.
 - Watering times: Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight.
- Landscape Conservation and Erosion Control Requirements for new development: the CoLV has adopted these two ordinances as shown in Appendix D of this plan.
- Swimming Pool Construction Requirements for new pools: the CoLV shall incorporate Appendix E of this plan into its adopted rules and regulations.

Section 5: Wholesale Water Conservation Plans

Wholesale treated water customers must develop a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and a Water Conservation Plan (WCP) in accordance with LCRA Water Contract Rules. The plans must include a governing board resolution, ordinance, or other official document noting that the plans have been formally adopted by the wholesale purchased water customers.

Wholesale purchased water customers must include in their wholesale water supply contracts the requirement that each successive wholesale purchased water customer must develop, implement, and regularly update their DCP and WCP, subject to CoLV and LCRA approval, and consistent with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Sections 288, Subchapter A, Water Conservation Plans, and Subchapter C, Required Submittals.

Section 6: Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group

The water service area of the CoLV is located within the Lower Colorado River Water Planning Area (Region K) of the State of Texas and the CoLV has provided or will provide a copy of this water conservation plan to the regional water planning group. The plan can be sent to the LCRA, c/o Water Contracts and Conservation, P.O. Box 220, Austin, Texas 78703.

Section 7: Authorization and Implementation

The City Manager of CoLV, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this Municipal WCP. The City Manager, or his/her designee, will act as Administrator of the Water Conservation Program. He/she will oversee the execution and implementation of the program and will be responsible for keeping adequate records for program verification. A signed and dated copy of this plan by the City Manager or his/her designee will be sufficient to meet this requirement.

7.1 Municipal WCP Implementation

The CoLV has designated a water conservation coordinator, who will be responsible for the implementation of this water conservation plan. The current water conservation coordinator is the CoLV Director of Public Works. The City Manager, or his/her designee, may re-appoint this position. At that time, the CoLV will inform LCRA about this personnel change.

The Municipal WCP will be reviewed and approved in 2023 and every five (5) years thereafter.

Approved and Accepted by the CoLV Authorized Representative:

Approved and Accepted:

Ed Tidwell, Mayor

Date

Appendix A: Historical Purchased Water Data

Table 1: Monthly Purchased Water Use (AF)

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Avg Pur	Max Pur
January	106.0	102.8	99.6	84.5	97.7	98.1	106.0
February	86.0	88.7	91.7	88.7	91.0	89.2	91.7
March	103.4	106.4	91.1	98.8	115.8	103.1	115.8
April	113.4	106.9	94.2	118.3	141.9	114.9	141.9
May	128.7	108.4	127.4	109.3	165.9	127.9	165.9
June	143.8	124.5	149.2	122.4	182.5	144.5	182.5
July	148.3	154.1	181.4	133.9	205.3	164.6	205.3
August	154.5	182.2	181.6	156.2	181.2	171.1	182.2
September	102.8	167.8	126.6	137.3	152.1	137.3	167.8
October	100.2	134.0	139.8	129.8	151.6	131.1	151.6
November	98.9	105.1	108.5	106.2	105.4	104.8	108.5
December	102.4	103.1	93.7	105.1	105.4	101.9	105.4
Total	1388.4	1483.9	1484.8	1390.5	1695.8		

Table 2: Monthly Purchased Water Use (GPCD)

Month	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022		
	Conn	Resid GPCD	Pur Water GPCD	Conn	Resid GPCD	Pur Water GPCD	Conn	Resid GPCD	Pur Water GPCD	Conn	Resid GPCD	Pur Water GPCD	Conn	Resid GPCD	Pur Water GPCD
January	3668	60.3	116.8	4039	49.9	102.9	4307	48.5	93.5	4716	49.4	72.4	5250	60.8	75.2
February	3731	49.4	103.2	4083	52.0	97.2	4339	53.1	94.6	4755	69.4	83.5	5367	57.3	75.9
March	3746	58.1	111.6	4133	58.3	104.1	4364	58.4	84.4	4814	65.5	83.0	5435	65.9	86.1
April	3774	85.2	125.5	4137	75.9	107.9	4381	66.5	89.8	4797	73.4	103.1	5383	88.9	110.1
May	3780	85.7	137.6	4161	65.0	105.3	4426	76.2	116.4	4853	63.6	91.1	5376	109.7	124.8
June	3818	100.0	157.3	4184	85.5	124.3	4425	119.6	140.9	4890	94.0	104.6	5398	123.3	141.2
July	3842	117.0	156.1	4188	116.7	148.8	4477	120.4	163.8	4887	81.1	110.8	5429	145.6	152.9
August	3875	109.7	161.1	4202	126.5	175.3	4538	128.2	161.8	4992	103.2	126.5	5436	121.2	134.8
September	3951	64.3	108.7	4243	123.3	165.2	4551	100.3	116.3	5080	102.9	112.9	5444	99.7	116.7
October	3998	61.9	101.4	4287	103.5	126.3	4624	93.1	122.2	5078	74.5	103.3	5482	94.6	111.8
November	4000	56.3	103.3	4318	58.6	101.7	4652	73.7	97.4	5082	67.7	87.3	5535	62.2	79.5
December	4030	59.1	102.7	4331	67.3	96.2	4675	63.6	81.0	5134	60.5	82.8	5500	61.6	77.5
Average	3851	75.6	123.8	4192	81.9	121.3	4480	83.5	113.5	4923	75.4	96.8	5420	90.9	107.2

*Conn = Connection

*Assumed average of 2.6 persons per connection to calculate Residential GPCD

Appendix B – 2023 CoLV Rate Structure

Water Rates - Residential		
	Inside City	Outside City
Base	\$36.52	\$41.51
0 - 2,000	\$0.00	\$0.00
2001 - 5,000	\$5.25 per 1,000 gal	\$6.55 per 1,000 gal
5,001 - 10,000	\$6.50 per 1,000 gal	\$7.80 per 1,000 gal
10,001 - 15,000	\$8.50 per 1,000 gal	\$9.80 per 1,000 gal
15,001 - 25,000	\$11.00 per 1,000 gal	\$11.00 per 1,000 gal
25,001 - 50,000	\$14.00 per 1,000 gal	\$14.00 per 1,000 gal
50,001 - Above	\$17.50 per 1,000 gal	\$17.50 per 1,000 gal

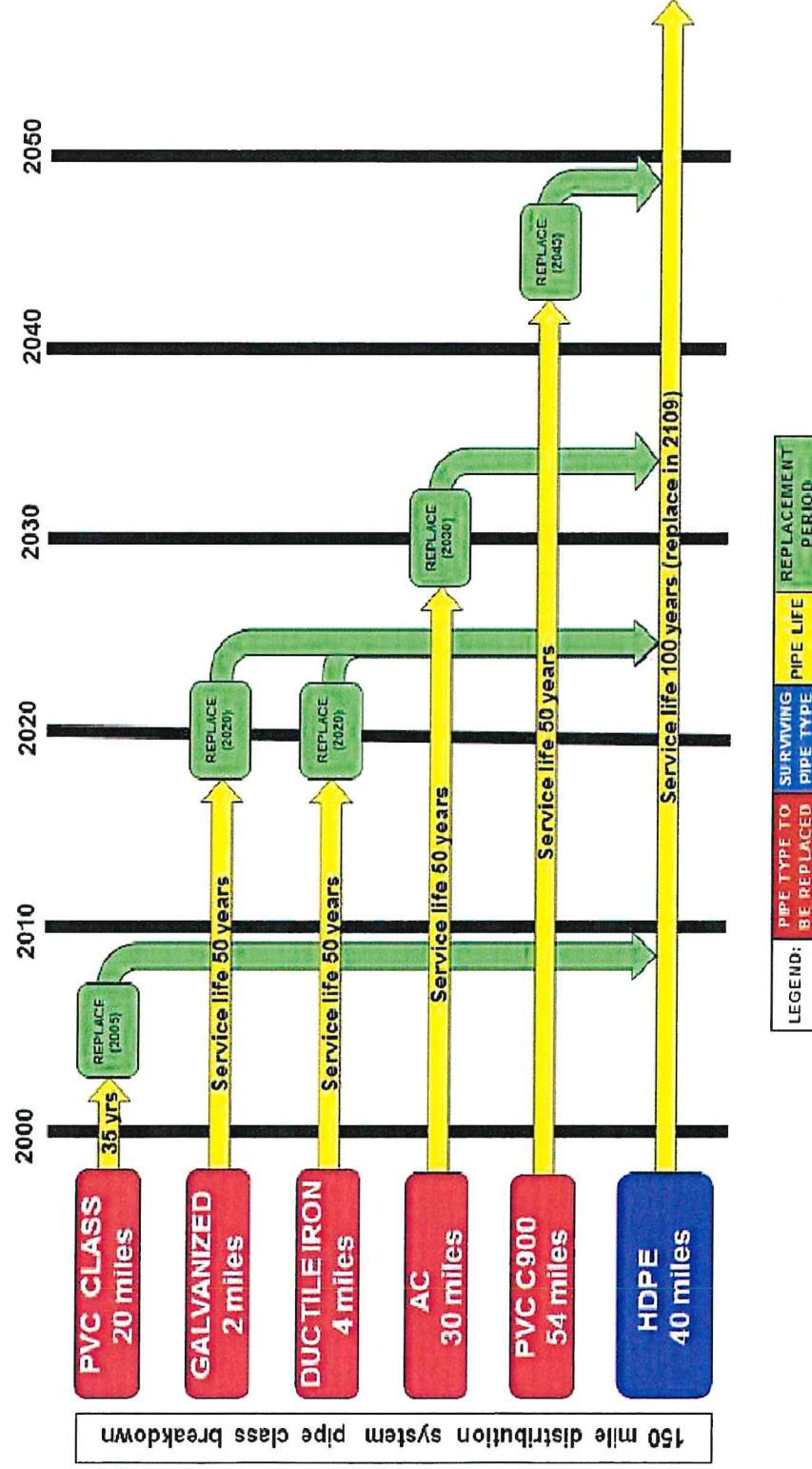
Water Rates - Commercial		
	Inside City	Outside City
Base	\$36.52	\$41.51
0 - 2,000	\$3.95 per 1,000 gal	\$3.95 per 1,000 gal
2001 - 5,000	\$5.77 per 1,000 gal	\$5.77 per 1,000 gal
5,001 - 10,000	\$7.15 per 1,000 gal	\$7.15 per 1,000 gal
10,001 - 15,000	\$9.35 per 1,000 gal	\$9.35 per 1,000 gal
15,001 - 25,000	\$11.87 per 1,000 gal	\$11.87 per 1,000 gal
25,001 - 50,000	\$15.17 per 1,000 gal	\$15.17 per 1,000 gal
50,001 - Above	\$19.02 per 1,000 gal	\$19.02 per 1,000 gal

Water Rates - Irrigation		
	Inside City	Outside City/hydrant
Base	\$36.52	\$41.51
0 - 2,000	\$6.11 per 1,000 gal	\$9.60 per 1,000 gal
2001 - 5,000	\$7.64 per 1,000 gal	\$12.00 per 1,000 gal
5,001 - 10,000	\$9.55 per 1,000 gal	\$15.00 per 1,000 gal
10,001 - 15,000	\$11.94 per 1,000 gal	\$18.75 per 1,000 gal
15,001 - 25,000	\$14.93 per 1,000 gal	\$23.44 per 1,000 gal
25,001 - 50,000	\$18.66 per 1,000 gal	\$29.30 per 1,000 gal
50,001 - Above	\$23.32 per 1,000 gal	\$36.62 per 1,000 gal

Water Rates - Industrial	
Base	\$36.52
Flat Volum Rate	\$4.17 per 1,000 gal

Appendix C - CoLV Water Distribution Pipe Replacement Strategy

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Appendix D - Landscape and Conservation Standards

General

The Landscape Conservation Guidelines are modeled after the “Sensible Landscaping for Central Texas” guidebook for home builders and homeowners adopted by the Homebuilders Association of Greater Austin (<http://www.hbaaustin.com>) and are intended to provide builders and homeowners with a well-designed, water-efficient landscape.

Design

- A. Turf shall not be planted on more than 50 percent, or up to 7,000 square feet, of the landscape. Longer leafed native grasses, low water consumption grasses such as Bermuda grass, zoysia grass, and buffalo grass that use low amounts of water are not considered turf grass in this context. Wildflowers may also be used as a ground cover.
- B. Automatic spray irrigation for each home or business shall be limited to 2.5 times the foundation footprint, with a 12,000 square foot maximum. The footprint may include both the house and the garage, but not the driveway or patio.

Soil

- A. There shall be no less than 3” inches of high quality topsoil in planted areas for sodded lawns and 4” for hydro-mulched areas. The CoLV recommends that 6” inches of high quality topsoil in planted areas for sodded lawns and hydro-mulched areas as the additional depth of soil will make the lawns much more drought resistant.
- B. Topsoil shall be native soil from the site, or non-native topsoil that contains no less than 25 percent organic matter (compost) blended through the soil. Topsoil shall not be of any admixture of subsoil or slag and shall be free of stones more than 1.5 inches in diameter, lumps, refuse, plants or their roots, sticks, noxious weeds, salts, soil sterilants or other material detrimental to plant growth. Delivered topsoil should be obtained from a well-drained site that is free of flooding.
- C. Topsoil added to the site should be incorporated into existing surface in a 2-inch to 3-inch scarified transition layer to enable water to drain adequately through the different types of soil. Areas within the drip line of existing trees that will be retained should not be scarified as it may damage the trees.

Irrigation

- A. The CoLV does not require automated irrigation systems for new landscaping. However, if an automatic irrigation system is installed, it shall be required to meet the guidelines outlined in this section.
- B. All irrigation systems shall be installed in accordance with state law, Title 2 Texas Water Code, Chapter 34 and Title 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 344 rules, as regulated and enforced by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Irrigation contractors who install the irrigation systems must be TCEQ Licensed Irrigators.

- C. Drip irrigation shall be used for all irrigated landscaped areas, excluding turf. Turf may be irrigated with drip, but it is not required.
- D. Areas planted with turf shall be in separate zones from areas planted with shrubs, trees or perennials.
- E. Hydrozoning of automatically irrigated areas shall be scheduled with plants with similar watering needs.
- F. All automatic irrigation systems are required to have a rain sensor, and a soil moisture sensor or a weather sensor connected to an irrigation controller in order to stop the irrigation cycle during and after a rainfall event. Rain sensors are to be installed in a location where rainfall is unobstructed and should be adjusted to the 1/4-inch setting.
- G. Sprinkler irrigation is prohibited in median strips, parking islands and all landscape areas less than 10 feet from curb to curb or 10 feet in width. Areas less than 10 feet curb-to-curb or 10 feet in width can be irrigated with subsurface drip irrigation or drip irrigation low volume irrigation in order to avoid runoff and overspray onto the hardscape.
- H. All new residential irrigation systems are required to have pressure regulation where the static operating pressure exceeds the sprinkler manufacturer's recommended operating range in order to eliminate extensive misting. These may include in-line pressure regulators, flow control valves or sprinkler devices equipped with pressure regulation stems or nozzles. Irrigation systems must have a controller that features multiple start times, rain sensor capability, a water budget feature and a non-volatile memory in case of power outage.
- I. Scheduling recommendations shall be posted inside or close to the controller enclosure box for easy reference.
- J. Homeowners shall be provided with a complete irrigation plan (or as-built drawing) that describes the location of each irrigation zone, control valves and sprinkler devices.
- K. Sprinkler systems shall be designed with no overspray onto the hardscape.
- L. Sprinkler zones located at the bottom of sloped terrain along curbs, sidewalks, driveways and other hardscapes should be equipped with devices such as in-line check valves and sprinkler heads with check valves that prevent low-head drainage after the sprinkler zone is turned off.

Plant Choice

Plants used for landscaping must be native and drought tolerant. The City of Austin's Grow Green Guide (<http://austintexas.gov/department/grow-green/plant-guide>) can be used as a reference for appropriate plants.

Turf grasses should be limited to low-water-use turfs such as bermuda grass, zoysia grass, and buffalo grass. St. Augustine grass is not an approved turf grass.

Invasive plants shall not be used. The City of Austin's Grow Green Guide can be used as a reference for invasive plants to avoid.

Plant Prepping

- A. A hole dug for a plant or tree should be 2 to 3 times wider than the container or root ball the plant is being stored in, ensuring that water will be able to be absorbed by the plant's roots.

- B. Before the sodding or seeding with a recommended turf grass, make sure that the existing soil has been blended with compost.

Plant Placement and Spacing

- A. Proper plant placement and spacing is critical to plant health and long-term landscape quality. Proper plant spacing ensures good air flow and room for plants to mature without crowding
- B. Plant placement too close to buildings can cause problems with plant disease, insects and structural problems.
- C. The mature height and width of plants should be considered before planting them.

Mulch

- A. All areas planted with trees, perennials and shrubs shall be finished with a 2-inch to 4-inch deep layer of high quality 50/50 blend of non-acidic organic mulch and compost blend.
- B. Wood chip mulch must be clean wood chips free of man-made debris, shredded into coarse pieces ranging in size from 1 to 3 inches.
- C. Rock mulch shall be used in planting beds only as temporary mulch until full plant coverage is achieved, or as permanent mulch in areas with native shrubs and perennials.

Maintenance

The CoLV recommends the following turf and plant maintenance schedule:

- A. Replenishing the mulch/compost blend only during the fall or spring at a minimum of every other year.
- B. Aerate turf grass within the first year of installation then twice a year after that during the fall or spring.
- C. Top dress turf grass areas with quality compost twice a year during the fall or spring at a depth of 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch following the aeration and drag or rake it into the canopy and/or aeration holes.

Appendix E – Swimming Pool Construction Requirements

- A. Private residential swimming pools shall not be installed with open pit sand media filters.
- B. Pool water features installed with public swimming pools or private residential swimming pools must be designed so that the water feature can be turned off without affecting the filtering capabilities of the pool. Automatic pool fill features must be designed so that they may be turned off in both public swimming pools and private residential swimming pools.
- C. Pools with shared water between the pool and spa shall be designed so that water can be shared without the necessity of an above ground water feature that cannot be turned off. If a water feature between the spa and the pool exists, the default setting will be for it to be turned off.
- D. Automatic pool fill features must include an automatic pool shut-off feature.
- E. Vanishing or negative edge pools must be designed with catch basins large enough to prevent splashing that leads to increased water use.
- F. Backwash systems must be designed so they may be turned off.
- G. Pool skimmers should be managed in such a way as to minimize water consumption. The range of allowable water within the skimmer fill range should allow for several inches of evaporative loss prior to filling.
- H. All residential swimming pools filled with a garden hose shall have a hose end timer installed at the nearest hose bib location. In addition, a hose bib back-flow prevention device will be connected to the hose bib fixtures nearest to the pool.
- I. The CoLV recommends that all residential swimming pools should be installed with a permanent automatic pool cover to minimize evaporative loss when not in use.
- J. Pool companies that provide installation and/or maintenance services within the CoLV must provide in writing to every customer specific information on maintenance requirements that includes an emphasis on preventative measures for keeping pool water quality high and alternatives to draining pools to correct water quality problems unless draining is needed for physical repairs.